

Executive Registry

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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter regarding the 24 June 1976 Washington Star article concerning dissemination of an FBI cable to CIA. CIA did receive a copy of this cable, which reported on a rally in front of the Federal Building in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The demonstrators carried placards denouncing the CIA and FBI. The cable did not contain the names of any of the participants, nor were the participants in any way identified except as "16 individuals."

It is the responsibility of CIA's Office of Security to carry out the mandate of Section 4(b) of Executive Order 11905 to "protect the security of its [CIA] installations, activities, information, and personnel." Section 5(b)(7)(vi) of the Order further authorizes CIA to collect information concerning persons or activities which pose "a clear threat" to Agency facilities or personnel. Messages such as the subject FBI cable alert the Office of Security to potential problems, so that Agency personnel can be notified if danger or violence appears imminent.

When the FBI cable was received at the Agency's Cable Secretariat, the action copy was sent to the Office of Security. Copies also went into the Cable Secretariat's chronological reference files, and to the Operations Directorate, which handles the large majority of Agency contacts with the FBI. Two components of the Office of Security received copies; both concluded that there was no indication of a clear threat to Agency facilities or personnel. Office of Security copies were then destroyed, with no action taken. Operations Directorate personnel also had no interest in the message, and those copies have been destroyed as well.

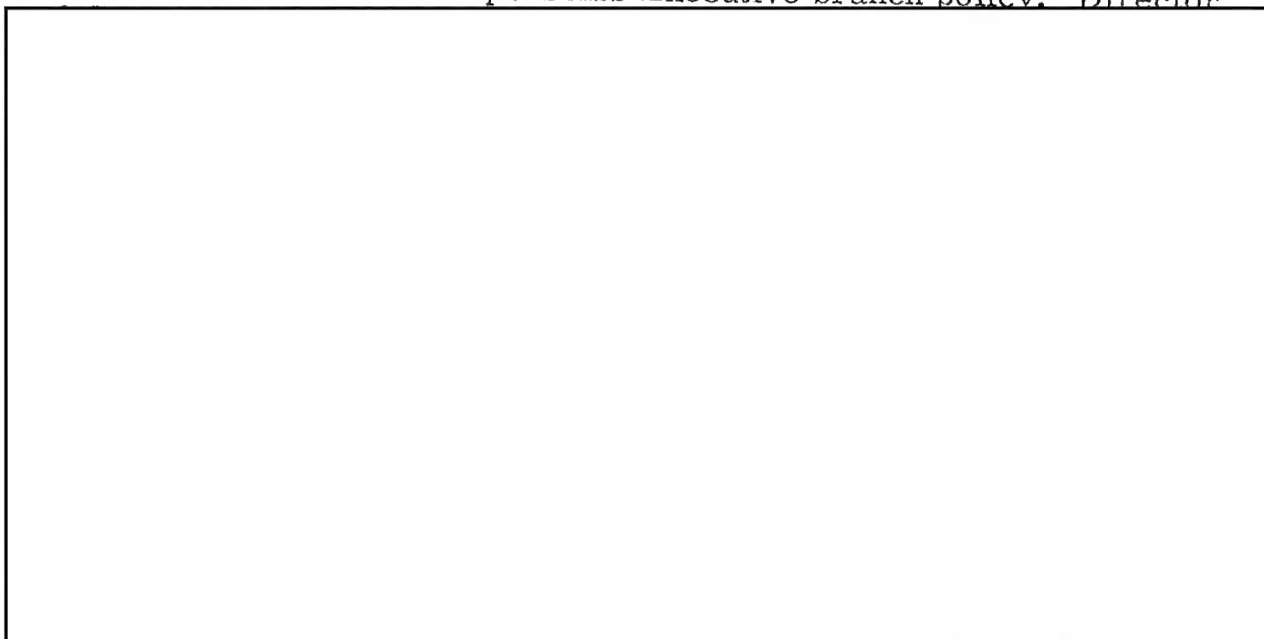


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The publicity given dissemination of this cable has highlighted the need for the Office of Security to delineate more precisely the types of FBI information it needs. The Director of Security has met with FBI officials, and a draft letter spelling out the information requirements of the Office of Security has been prepared. This letter is currently being reviewed by FBI officials. I will be happy to provide the Committee a copy of the final agreement.

With regard to your request on the collection, analysis, production, dissemination, use or retention of information on U.S. citizens, section 5 of E.O. 11905 represents Executive branch policy. Director

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The retirement destruction policy on our files has changed since the report was prepared. The following statement represents current policy:

Disposition of these files is subject to approval by the Archivist of the United States. CIA is updating, preparing and submitting new records control schedules to the National Archives and Records Service (NARS) which will approve or change our recommendations for retirement, retention and/or destruction. As you are aware, it is our intention to simultaneously distribute copies of these recommended schedules for your review. Regardless of the disposal instructions

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approved by NARS, those CIA records subject to the ongoing destruction moratorium will be maintained for the required six-month period. Additionally, any of the records in this latter group which relate to subjects in litigation, other information responsive to Freedom of Information or Privacy Act requests which have been received, or which are relevant to ongoing Congressional or Executive Branch investigations will be kept until the need for their continued maintenance has clearly passed.

I trust the above is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush  
Director

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